

VENDOR OPERATING

SECTION III

LICENSES

3.1. Issuance of Licenses

A license to operate a vending facility may be issued to persons who are determined by the DSB to be, (a) blind; (b) citizens of the United States; and (c) certified as qualified to operate a vending facility after having successfully completed the DSB's training program for blind vendors. This training shall include training in the various types of vending facilities in the program and experience in managing a vending facility for a period of time.

Priority will be given to qualified persons who are in need of employment.

3.2. Termination of Licenses

Licenses shall be issued for an indefinite period of time, but shall be subject to suspension or termination by the Vending Facility Program Administrator under the following circumstances:

A. Improvement of vision so that the vendor no longer meets the medical definition of blindness.

B. Extended illness with medically documented diagnosis of prolonged incapacity to operate the vending facility in a manner consistent with the needs of the location or other available facilities within the program.

C. Failure of a vendor to sign the agreement of operation between the DSB and the vendor after having accepted assignment to operate a vending facility.

D. Failure to operate the facility according to the provisions of (1) the operating agreement, (2) the specific location contract/permit, or (3) the Vendor Operating Procedures Manual.

E. Withdrawal of the vendor from the program upon his/her written notification to the DSB.

F. Abandonment of facility.

G. Possession or use of firearms or other weapons by vendor or staff as defined in 4.2.16.

H. Possession, use or consumption of alcohol, drugs or other substances by vendor, or staff, while on the premises. Reasonable exceptions will

apply to medication as prescribed by a doctor, dentist or other health care professional.

I. Should a displaced vendor fail to accept a location in accordance with Section 5.2.

J. Should a vendor not accept assignment to a facility after going through the process of transfer and promotion under Section 5.4.

In the event that Division of Services for the Blind is required to remove a vendor due to specific written grantor request, the Vending Facility Program Administrator shall determine, after on-site review, the basis for removal under conditions A. through J. above, and shall specify in writing whether the vendor is displaced, suspended or terminated. Such vendor retains all appeal rights specified in Section XI of the Vendor Operating Procedures Manual.